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ONE CENT

CRASHED INTO A VESSEL

City of Richmond Carried Away the Vaudiv's Bowsprit.

SAILOR'S NARROW ESCAPE

He Was on the Jibboom When the Collision Occurred—Police Dragged the River for His Body, But He Was Safe on Board the Steamer—A Passenger's Story of the Affair.

The steamer City of Richmond collided with the schooner Murray Vandive, about 9 o'clock this morning, at G. L. Sheriff's coal wharf, at the foot of Seventh street. Both boats were injured by the collision, the schooner losing her jibboom and the Richmond a portion of her wheelhouse. Immediately after the accident the Richmond, notwithstanding her damages, proceeded down the river, and not stopping to ascertain the injuries to the other vessel. The Richmond left her wharf about 9 o'clock to make her usual trip to Columbia Beach. Lying moored at an adjoining wharf was the schooner, which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Crisfield, Md., loaded with coal. Suddenly, without warning of any kind, the Richmond backed into the schooner, carrying away a part of her jibboom.

SEARCHED FOR THE BODY. It was supposed that he had been knocked over board and drowned. The harbor master was at once notified and the crew of the police boat Joe Blackburn repaired to the scene of the accident and commenced dragging the river for the body. The search was attended with no little difficulty as the river at the place of the accident is from twenty-five to thirty feet deep. Notwithstanding the dis-



Advantages which the searchers encountered they continued to drag for the body for over an hour hoping each minute to discover it. The search was a fruitless one, however.

HE CLIMBED ON BOARD.

When the searchers were about to abandon their work, a telephone message was received from Alexandria from the captain of the Richmond, stating that Peel was alive and well and had taken the Alexandria ferry to Washington.

It seems the man was suddenly transported from the jibboom on which he was seated to the deck of the steamer, the force of the collision throwing him to the other vessel.

He communicated the fact to Capt. Posey on board the Richmond, and as soon as the steamer arrived at Alexandria the captain telephoned to Washington. Peel was very much surprised to find that his sudden disappearance had occasioned so much trouble.

The officials who had so vigorously prosecuted the search for his body, felt very much chagrined over the episode, and the scene, which had been one of sadness, was suddenly turned into one of merriment.

The accident, which, according to the witnesses, was due to the negligence of the captain of the City of Richmond, was a rather expensive one. It will cost over \$1,000 to repair the damage done to the boats.

The accident might have been more serious. If the steamer had struck the Vandive further aft, it would have undoubtedly smashed in her bows, and she would have gone down at the wharf.

HOW PEEL WAS RESCUED. It seems that Peel, who had such a miraculous escape from death, owes his life to Mr. W. H. Easton, manager of the Bijou Theater, who was a passenger on board the Richmond. When seen by a Times reporter he gave the following account of the accident:

"I was standing aft on the upper deck when the crash came. I saw the steamer back into the Vandive and suddenly heard the crashing timbers as the jibboom of the schooner was broken by the force of the blow.

"I was surprised to see a colored man clinging to the chains of the jibboom as it came through the wheel house, and without hesitating a moment I grabbed him and held him securely. There was no one around me but a lot of ladies, some of whom fainted from fright. The man I held did not seem to realize the miraculous escape he had had, and was completely stunned. I got off the boat at Alexandria and came up on the ferryboat with him to this city. His hand was quite badly injured, but I dressed it as well as I could, and as soon as the ferry reached Washington had him taken to Providence Hospital. I do not think he is injured very badly, but only stunned from the blow and shock received."

FURTHER details concerning several of the local and telegraphic news features in this issue of The Evening Times will be found in to-morrow's Morning Times.

AROUSED TO THE DANGER.

Denver Will Have New Boiler Regulations.

Denver, Col., Aug. 27.—An important step in protection from boiler accidents is contemplated by the city council in the proposed ordinance governing that subject. At a joint conference yesterday of engineers, boiler experts, and aldermen it was the consensus of opinion that neither boiler inspection nor the licensing of engineers is sufficient in itself to protect the public.

It was claimed that all large cities must eventually come to the point of prohibiting the use of open-flue boilers within the business areas, and permit only water tube safety to be used. Of these there are not over twenty different styles and makes, so that such a measure would not be class legislation.

Denver is urged to take this advanced step now. This proposed action is opposed by boiler insurance companies and by the makers of cheap boilers and those of the old style. An interesting controversy is likely to arise over the matter. The Gurney Hotel accident, in which twenty-two people were killed, was caused, it is now believed, by a defective boiler, and was not due to carelessness of the young boy who held the position of engineer.

DRINKING AND GAMING.

They Lead to the Bodily Carving of Three Men.

Brooklyn, Aug. 27.—Three men were severely stabbed in a fight last night at No. 202 Fourth avenue. Antonio Richie, one of the men, who was taken to the Seney Hospital, may die. He received a cut in the breast with a razor said to have been wielded by Frederick Venev.

The row took place in Venev's rooms. Venev, Richie, Conini, Fouts and others were drinking and playing games, when a dispute arose over a technical point. The three men named began to fight, and Venev was cut in the back between the shoulder blades. Fouts was cut in the arm and shoulder. Richie's wounds were the most serious. Venev was arraigned in the Butler street police court to-day, charged with assault. He was held for examination on September 4.

CHINA EXTENDS DENBY AID

High Official Appointed to Assist in the Investigation.

Department Is Now Satisfied That the Minister Is Carrying Out His Instructions.

Minister Denby has at last heard from, a cablegram having been received from him by Acting Secretary Adee to-day, in which he states that in response to a request made by him to the Tseung Yamen, the Tao tai, Hsu Hsing has been sent to co-operate with Consul Hixson in investigating the Kueching riots.

The rank of the commissioner, who is an attendant of court, is, by treaty, equal to that of the consul. It is supposed at the Department the name of the officer may have been altered in transmission over the cable, and it is possible that the name should be Hsu Yung-i, a well-known Metropolitan official, who for many years has been a member of the board of works, and has also been of late years a minister of the Tseung Yamen.

It is stated at the Department that whether or not this is a mistaken idea, the person appointed appears from his name to unquestionably belong to the family of the well-known minister. The wording of Minister Denby's cablegram leads the Department to believe that this commissioner has been sent from Peking, and the inference is given out at the Department that Minister Denby has given ample instructions to Consul Hixson, and that he is enjoying all facilities necessary to carry out his instructions at Kueching.

It does not appear from Mr. Denby's dispatch that he has succeeded in straightening out the complication caused by the refusal of the Chinese officials at Ka Cheung to permit the American and British commissioners to attend the inquiry into the massacre.

That is the most interesting phase of the situation, and a speedy adjustment of it in favor of the joint commission is desired. It is probable, however, that the Tao tai sent to co-operate with Consul Hixson will start a new investigation in behalf of the general government of China, thus superseding the officials who are now making inquiry presumably under authority of the treaty of the province.

THAT NORTHEASTER.

Five Vessels Which Could Not Stand the Storm.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 27.—The recent northeast gale, accompanied by heavy rain and lightning, did considerable damage to shipping, but fortunately few lives were lost. The schooner George P. Trigg, which was wrecked at Point St. Lawrence, will probably be saved. The schooner Morning Light will be a total wreck at Malignant Cove. Her captain, Anthony Walker, was drowned.

The Lilla Lindwood is a total wreck at Margolis Island. The Four Sisters is a total wreck near Louisbourg, and the Quatre Soeurs is ashore at Big Lorraine. The schooner L. Everett was dismantled off Charlottetown.

SAYRES SERVES HIS SENTENCE.

His Case Was One of the Most Important Ever Tried.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 27.—Ex-Pay Clerk David Sayre, U. S. N., was tried about a year ago on a charge of embezzlement of government funds. As a civil applicant in the service he filed exceptions to the ruling of the naval court and was sustained for a time by the civil courts of Virginia.

He was committed to the naval prison at the navy yard this forenoon upon a one year's sentence. His case was one of the most important, from a legal standpoint, ever tried in this country, involving, as it did, a conflict between the civil and military authorities.

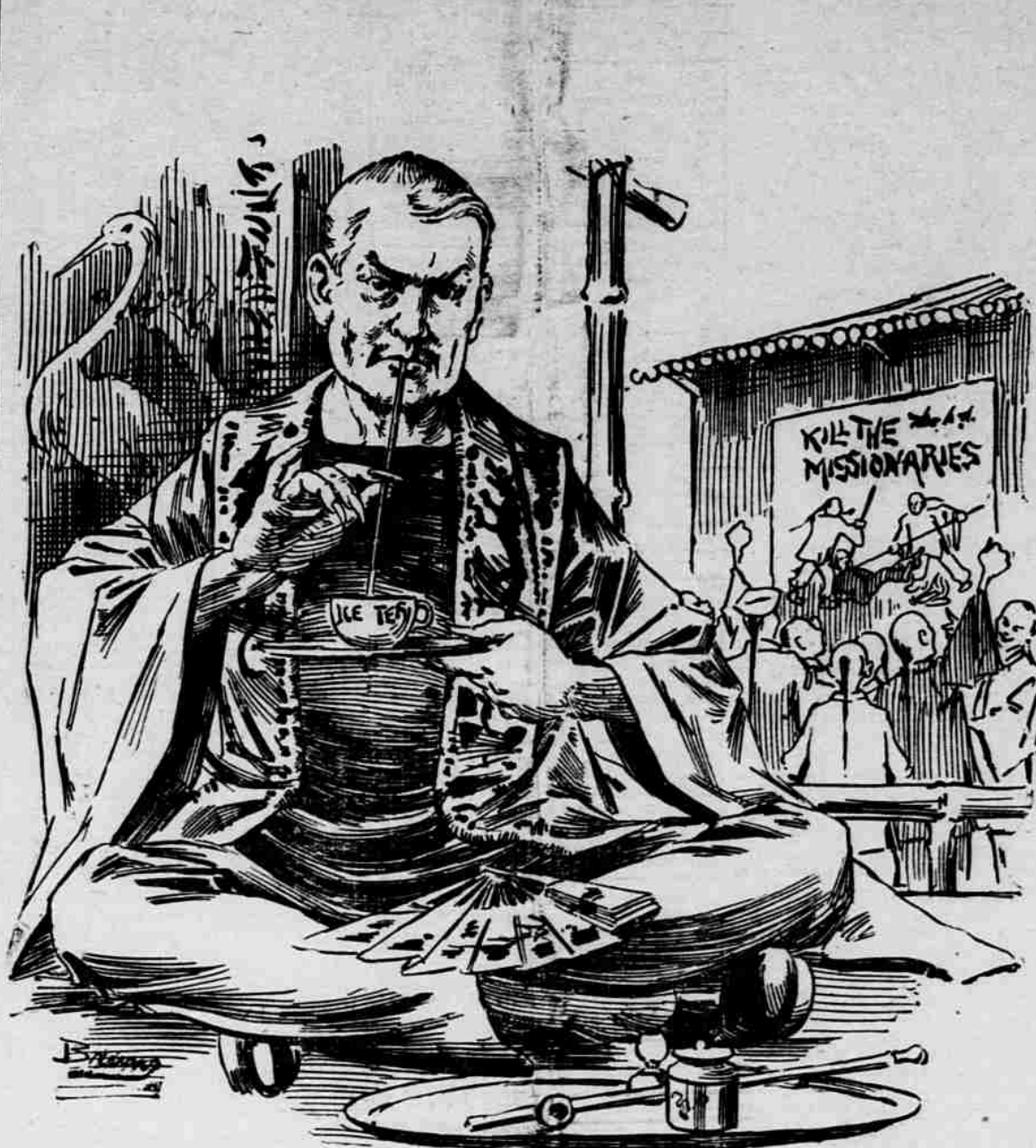
Thrashing Boiler Explosion.

Eldora, Ill., Aug. 27.—By the explosion of a boiler of a thrashing machine at O'wassa yesterday afternoon two people were killed and a number of others injured. Those killed were Mrs. Babcock, a farmer's wife, and Anna Hoffman, daughter of Frank Hoffman. Several of the thrashing gear were also injured. It is feared, fatally.

Extra for Labor Day.

Steamer Richmond will leave same as regular schedule, 9 a. m.

SUMMER PORTRAITS.



Our Minister to China.

MYSTERY NOT CLEARED

No Clue to the Sender of Judge Holt's Will.

Some Theories Advanced.

It is Generally Conceded to Be a Genuine Document and the Signatures Have Been Identified Beyond a Doubt—What the City Hall Officials Think About the Matter.

Since the publication yesterday afternoon of the receipt of Judge Holt's will by Register of Wills Wright the occurrence has formed the chief topic of conversation everywhere, and all kinds of surmises and speculations about the document were advanced.

But they are surmises only, and the mystery concerning the finding and sending of the will is as dense as ever.

Practically no new features were developed in the matter to-day. Col. Wright had the will photographed by Charles Parker yesterday afternoon. A half dozen copies of the picture were delivered at the office of the register of wills to-day. They were pasted on canvas, and will be used above to those desirous of investigating the case.

The original will, with its famous signatures, was returned to its box in the iron safe, from which it will be taken only upon the most urgent occasions.

CONCEIT IS GENUINE.

The generally accepted theory is that the instrument is genuine. The theory is strongly supported by attendant circumstances. The will is in the handwriting of the testator. This has been positively identified by many. The signatures of the illustrious witnesses, Sherman and Grant, are familiar to every one who has seen their names penned on official documents and are identical with the familiar facsimile autographs beneath the portraits of the heroes.

Then, also, the argument is advanced that a man of the character and position of Judge Holt would more than likely leave a will. He virtually lived the life of a recluse for twenty years prior to his death. It is the testimony of officials in the probate office that such persons are prone to make wills.

The fact that he had the signature of one of the greatest generals in the nation and the President of the republic are remarkable. Col. Wright could to-day recall no instance where a man's testament had been witnessed by the Chief Magistrate of the country.

SOME DOUBTING THOMASES.

There are a few persons on the other hand who point out that the will could be a forgery. They assert that the forgers of the paper had plenty of time to do it, that a year was none too long to season the paper to the condition in which it was received.

Another thing noted by those who hold to the theory of fraud, and remarked upon by the officials of the register's office, is the nicety with which the will was pasted upon the letter backing.

The original testament is perforated into a veritable lacework at the side, which has been burned and well high in two at the under of the two creases, where it was folded.

It was so delicately pasted to the paper backing that not an edge was turned under and not a piece as large as a pin head broken from the charred and scorched edges of the holes burned in the paper.

"I am quite sure, though having had experience in such work, that I could not do as neat a job as that," remarked Mr. Smith Thompson, one of Col. Wright's assistants. The crude addressing of the envelope, too, it is stated, would belie the attempt to deceive of the hand that performed the delicate pasting.

No one had called at Col. Wright's office up to a late hour this afternoon to identify or cast any light upon the will. For the present the register is merely awaiting developments. If information concerning the mystery does not soon come to him he will start upon a still hunt for it. He may put detectives on the matter by the end of the week, though Col. Wright neither signified nor disclaimed his intention to do so this morning.

When Col. Wright was visited by Mr. Luke Devlin, the executor named in the will, yesterday, the latter stated that he would immediately petition the court for the probate of the will. He will probably do so this afternoon or to-morrow. Notice will then be served upon the next of kin, and the fight that is sure to follow will be on.

ALL BOUNTIES MUST GO

Sugar Case Said to Be a Test Advised by Cleveland.

MUCH DEPENDS UPON IT.

Comptroller Bowler Was Directed to Withhold the Payment—If It Is Successful Mail Subsidies and Kindred Expenditures Will Be Lopped Off—Government Pays Twice.

TRIBUTE OF MARYLAND

Gift to the City of Brooklyn By Sons of the Revolution.

Imposing Dedication Ceremonies To-day in Which Many Marylanders Took an Active Part.

Brooklyn, Aug. 27.—The citizens' committee, having in charge the exercises relating to the dedication of the Maryland Memorial Monument, in Prospect Park, went to Jersey City this morning for the purpose of meeting the visitors from the State who came to take part in the ceremonies and escort them to Brooklyn.

When the party were landed at the foot of Fulton street they took special cars for the Montauk Club, where the visitors will be housed during their stay here. The party were met at the Montauk Club by Col. John M. Partridge, grand marshal of the parade, and his staff, and were conducted into the clubhouses. As soon as the visitors entered the building the Twenty-third Regiment Band began to play. After a short reception, all sat down to lunch.

The dedication of the monument, which is the gift to Brooklyn of the Maryland Society, Sons of the Revolution, began at 3 o'clock with a parade of the members of the society and others. The reviewing stand is situated across the lawn from the music stand at Prospect Park. After the marchers pass in review the reviewers will cross the lawn and listen to the music played by the Maryland and the Twenty-third Regiment Bands. The Maryland band will play "The Star Spangled Banner." The Twenty-third Regiment Band will respond with "Maryland, My Maryland." The visitors will then play "Hail Columbia."

The following dedication exercises have been arranged: Prayer, "America," sung by audience; presentation, Col. William R. Griffith; acceptance, Mayor Schermer; response, Park Commissioner Squier; address, Col. George A. Peck; "Hail Columbia," Maryland Band; and "Hail Lang Syne," Twenty-third Regiment Band.

The parade was taken part in by the United States troops from Fort Hamilton, the marines from the Navy Yard, the Fourteenth Regiment, the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Old Brooklynites and the Historical Society of Long Island.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock the committee will give a reception to the guests and a banquet will follow.

New Army Regulations.

The new Army regulations have been completed and will soon be issued. It has been the aim of the board of revision to make the new rules as general as possible, so that they will apply to all branches of the service. Heretofore the regulations have not been very general in character, the various branches of engineers, ordnance, paymaster generals, etc., having a separate manual.

Real Western Verdict.

Yreka, Cal., Aug. 27.—The coroner's jury last evening brought in a verdict of "died by strangulation at the hands of parties unknown" in the case of the four men lynched here.

RESCUED AT SEA.

Twelve Men Saved From a Sinking German Ship.

New York, Aug. 27.—The new White Star liner George arrived this morning from Liverpool. She reports: August 23, latitude 44.43, longitude 53.57, at 11:25 p. m., observed night signals of distress from a vessel four miles to the southward.

Bore down and stood close to her. On halting the vessel was unable to make out what was needed. Sent away lifeboat No. 1, in charge of second officer, with orders to take off crew should they desire to leave their vessel.

The boat returned at 1:25 a. m. with the entire crew of twelve men. The vessel proved to be the German bark Toni, of Rostock, from Miramichi for Ipswich, dead laden, fourteen days out and was in a sinking condition, having sprung a leak. Although a strong wind was blowing and a heavy sea running at the time of the rescue, succeeded in getting all hands safely on board the George.

Imprisoned an Englishman.

Paris, Aug. 27.—The Soleil publishes a dispatch from Avignon in the department of the Nord, which says that the military authorities at Fort Boussaillon have arrested a London commercial traveler named De Grouds and confined him in jail on a charge of espionage.

Great Lexicographer Dead.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Prof. Karl Georges, the celebrated lexicographer, died at Gotha to-day, aged eighty-nine years.

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SWORD AND WHITE PLUME

Sir Knights Fill Boston Streets and Make the Welkin Ring.

DECORATIONS UNEQUALLED

Thousands in Solid Phalanx March to the Sound of Drums and Bugles Through Streets Whose Walls Are Covered With Flags and Banners and All Gorgeous Colors.

Boston, Aug. 27.—To-day witnessed a very prominent event in the great Knights Templar convocation in this city, the monster parade. All conditions were auspicious for the demonstration. The sun's rays were obscured by a thick haze, and a refreshing wetty breeze tempered the summer heat. The early morning scenes in the city streets were inspiring.

Tens of thousands of Knights Templar, resplendent in uniform and regalia, were hastening hither and thither to join their commanders in preparation for the march. Early morning trains and street cars poured out tens of thousands of visitors from surrounding places into Boston's already overcrowded thoroughfares.

MAGNIFICENT DECORATIONS.

Boston has seldom, if ever, been elaborately decorated. Practically every building along the line of march, besides many of the side streets, is clothed in color, with appropriate mottoes and Masonic emblems, interspersed with streamers and bunting. The elaborate dressing has been the admiration of the arriving multitudes for several days. This morning uniforms, flags, and badges on the streets rivalled the bunting overhead in vividness of hue. The note everywhere was one of joyousness and celebration.

Frater everywhere greeted frater cordially. The color and movement and music made the city a brilliant, dashing picture of life, with its crowded sidewalks, its long lines of orderly moving street cars, its files of windows, story above story, filled with eager spectators; its numerous observation stands, some of enormous proportions, early crowded with occupants, and resembling, with the open spaces between, vast amphitheatres filled with an expectant populace.

One needed only a tinge of dramatic sentiment to imagine time turned backward twenty or more centuries in its flight and the scenes of some famous Roman triumph reproduced, the mighty conqueror moving at the head of his embattled hosts amid the plaudits of his conquering army.

THE GREAT PARADE.

At 10:50 the three guns announcing the start of the parade were fired, followed by the command by bugle sounded by Sir Knight Abbott Horton, of De Molay Commandery, bugler on Gen. Lawrence's staff. Gen. Lawrence, accompanied by Sir Edward Weston Nicholas, Mayor Curtis and Sir Knight Charles Pierce, of Boston Commandery, Boston Commandery acted as escort and was preceded by the aids, led by Sir Knight Charles C. Frye, chief of staff.

The column was headed by the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Chief Marshal of the parade, and his honor, Sir E. U. Curtis, mayor of the city of Boston.

BANDS AND CANNON.

Every commandery was headed by a band, and the instant one stopped playing another would strike up, and the music from the crest of the hill rang out in splendid style. Up close to the starting place there was almost a pandemonium, for every cross street had its body of marching men, anxious to get to their appointed place, and it was more or less of a question sometimes as to who should give way.

General Lawrence and the Boston Commandery were on hand promptly, and the head of the procession was all ready to start long before the appointed time. It was found necessary to wait for some of the other commanderies who were not in their places.

The signal for the start was given by a detail of two guns from Light Battery A, under the command of Lieut. Peabody, which was stationed on the common, and which had worked in order to keep the guns warm nearly all the morning, sixty-one being fired in all. One gun was fired at 9 o'clock as a sort of signal for the troops to be in their formation.

Then at about 10:20 came the signal of three guns for the start of the procession, and then, half an hour later, a salute of seventeen guns to Gov. Greenhalge. Following almost immediately on this was a salute of forty guns fired in honor of the knights, one gun being fired for each one of the commanderies in the parade.

The head of the procession reached Dock Square, the point of dismissal, at 1:10 p. m., just an hour and a half behind schedule time.

FORTE MAKES A PROMISE.

He Gives Assurance for the Safety of Americans.

A telegram received at the State Department this morning from Minister Terrell at Constantinople, contained this gratifying information: "The Porte gives emphatic assurances of security for American citizens at Tarsus."

Mr. Terrell has devoted his energies to securing just such assurances from the Turkish government in every instance where attacks were made on American citizens or the property of Americans in the Sultan's dominions.

In Memory of the Pilgrims.

London, Aug. 27.—Mr. W. T. Davis has returned to London after having erected the bronze tablet of the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth, Mass., on a farmhouse at Scrooby, near Hawtry, Nottinghamshire. This house is situated on the site of the manor house where William Brewster organized the Pilgrim Church in 1604.